

Independence is—well we do not know what we have established." Matters are rather perplexing! It is sure we have spent a good deal of money, and lost the precious lives of many sons and brothers. "We are once more a nation." So we were in 1861; and, although there are many things suggesting 1861, we must be patient. It is rather perplexing for us to be compelled to ask questions. But what means this wall of sorrow from four millions of loyal men in the South? Why this supreme gladness of every Rebel in the land? Why are Rebels placed in the high places of the synagogue while the "poor Radicals" are bidden go down into the dust and repent their sins? Why is every true soldier painfully reminded that his sword is no longer needed in the service of emancipation? Why are the enemies of the country in Congress uniting as they united during the war, whenever it was necessary to defeat a measure of the Administration? Come from your foreign home, much-abused McClellan! Burst from your lull lull lull, Vallandigham, chief of Copperheads! When the Winter is over, the sun is shining—and you may run again in the green fields. Well, we have the sublime virtue of patience! If God sent Charles Stuart to fill the seat of Cromwell, he also sent a William. James II. was necessary before England could appreciate the virtues of Oliver, or the wisdom of the Prince of Orange. God will let His people go! Pharaoh's pride may keep them many years in bondage; but Pharaoh's fate gives a consolation that makes us patient under a burden even worse than making bricks without straw.

2,439 AD VALOREM DUTIES.

Our tariffs, even when protective, have generally been framed for us by British influence. They have been smashed in the time of Free Trade by that same influence four times within fifty years. When most protective of American industry, they have been constructed full of holes through the *ad valorem* principle of values, so as to let the foreign importers shove in their goods more or less free of duty. It will astonish the public to know that our present Tariff has 2,439 *ad valorem* duties, and only 475 that are specific; while the British, who are coaxing, arguing, bribing, and scheming to us to give them Free Trade, have only 131 *ad valorem* duties in their tariff, and make it a constant special study in their revenue service how to diminish their number and to entirely get rid of them. They have for centuries gauged the importing conscience, and held their noses while Custom-House oaths were being taken, and know that in whatsoever tariff is an *ad valorem* duty through that undervaluation and perjury will persistently endeavor to cheat the revenue. The Congress will be immortal for patriotic service to its country which, in revising the tariff, will pluck up by the roots forever the *ad valorem* principle, and require foreigners to pay specific duties by the pound, yard, cubic foot and gallon.

FROM RICHMOND.

The Freedmen's Celebration at Richmond—Its Quiet and Orderly Aspect—Description of the Procession—A Grand Marshal Shot At—The President's Foea Proclamation—Burning of a Colored Church—Fair for the Sufferers—The Printers' Strike.

From Our Special Correspondent.

RICHMOND, Va., April 3, 1866.

One year ago to-day the streets of Richmond were filled with soldiery dashed with victory, elated with success. The leaders of an oligarchy had fled in dismay. The chains of slavery were broken. It had been established that this was the land of the free; and those to whom this new order of things came most acceptably to-day commemorate that occasion.

Notwithstanding the various conflicting rumors as to whether the authorities would allow the colored people to parade the streets of the city, every preparation was made among the freedmen for the celebration. From the suburbs of the city came every colored man, woman and child, and by 9 o'clock the streets were thronged by at least 25,000 souls. The utmost decorum prevailed among them. Now and then a white youth, still nursing the memories of defunct institutions, chose to ventilate his prejudice at a cost for St. Nickere's Day. But the police arrangements were altogether too perfect to allow any such incendiary expression to pass unheeded. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Major J.A. Byrne and his efficient police force—they were only doing what justice was accorded irrespective of color. For a week, the press of Richmond had recited Munchausen stories, and the fears of the whites had been so worked upon that they believed the day would be a carnage, and that their lives and property would be in jeopardy. The following handbill was conspicuously posted up:

NOTICE.—The Colored People of the City of Richmond would most respectfully inform the public that they do not intend to celebrate the late emancipation of the colored race. As he has been stated in the papers of this city, but simply the day on which God was pleased to liberate their long-oppressed race.

J. HARRIS,
J. EDWARDS,
N. WILLIAMS.

F. J. COCKS,
F. J. SMITH,
Committee.

Richmond, Va., April 2, 1866.

On Saturday morning a dispatch from Washington appeared in one of the daily issues, stating that the President had directed the military authorities to prohibit the parade, and it is owing no doubt to these several rumors that the procession was not as large as the various organizations began to assemble at the upper end of the city, at the Fair Ground, and by 12 o'clock the line was in motion. The appearance of the procession was altogether in the extreme. First were 30 mounted soldiers, and in one of the ranks a single colored man, color, skin and figure, only the batons of the Marshals present, and this similarity, they were red, white and blue. Next came the colored militia, and the ranks of this variety were never uniformed with any regularity, and they were before with eagles, varied in color, skin and figure, only the batons of the Marshals present, and this similarity, they were red, white and blue. 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